implementation of the Urban Ceiling Act, 1976;

(b) whether under these guidelines, State Governments are permitted to allow the sale of excess land to private builders; and

(c) if so, whether the sale of excess land by M/s. Narayanswamy & Sons to M/s. Reevajeetu Builders in Bangalore was justified under the Act and Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) With a view to resolving difficulties faced in the implementation of the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976, Government of India have issued a series of guidelines to the State Governments and Union Territories from time to time, clarifying the intent and purport of the provisions of the Act.

(b) In the Guideilnes issued under Section 20 of the Act, it has been mentioned that there is no objection to exempt vacant land held by persons in excess of the ceiling limit, in the public interest so that they may transfer them to registered housing cooperative societies or Group Housing Cooperative Societies for the purpose of constructing dwelling units subject to several conditions. The State Governments were also advised that there is no objection if the land holder who is permitted under Section 21 of the Act, to retain excess vacant land for the construction of dwelling units for the weaker sections of the society, to associate a builder or collaborator to construct the dwelling units and dispose-of them.

(c) Although the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 was enacted by the Central Government, it is implemented by the State Governments through the competent authorities appointed by them for the purpose. Thus, the case comes under the jurisdiction of the State Government.

Intensive Mango Development Project in Karnataka

309. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Centre *vide* letter No. AHD 122AFP 87 dated 26th February, 1988 for sanction of a intensive mango development project with assistance from U.K.; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Project proposals on mango development have been received from Karnataka and other States except Uttar Pradesh. Once the proposal from Uttar Pradesh Government is received, Multi State Intensive Mango Development Project will be developed for being posed for External Assistance.

Rail transit system for Hyderabad and Secunderabad

310. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a Light Rail Transit System for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has since been finalised and blue print has been prepared; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose, if any?